## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LEE PIPER <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, Fort Monmouth, NJ

Docket No. 02-150; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 13, 2002

## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

## Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant's February 28, 2000 claim for an occupational disease was timely filed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 8122(a).

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative dated July 17, 2001 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The July 17, 2001 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 13, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member